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Proposed Bill No. 6237

LCO No. 2240



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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:

REP. COOK, 65th Dist.

REP. GODFREY, 110th Dist.

**AN ACT ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DIABETES
ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) secure Medicaid
- 2 coverage for diabetes self-management education at programs
- 3 accredited by the American Diabetes Association or the American
- 4 Association of Diabetes Educators, (2) devise a plan and seek financial
- 5 support to increase the state's pool of lay and professional diabetes
- 6 educators who represent at-risk populations including, but not limited
- 7 to, minorities and those residing in lower socioeconomic and rural
- 8 areas, (3) modify cost-sharing of diabetes self-management education
- 9 by reforming insurance plans to decrease barriers and ensure that such
- 10 education is not subject to insurance deductibles or copayments, and
- 11 (4) build the capacity for a state-wide diabetes self-management
- 12 education program with an emphasis on culturally and linguistically
- 13 appropriate standards and improved access.

Statement of Purpose:

To enact the recommendations of the Diabetes Advisory Council.